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September 13, 1999

The Honorable Sally Thompson
Chief Financial Officer
United States Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Avenue, S.W. - Room 143-W
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Ms. Thompson:

On August 3, 1999, I wrote Secretary Daniel R. Glickman requesting information regarding the Department of Agriculture's (USDA) management of Federal grant programs. I asked for a response no later than August 25th. Unfortunately, it was not until today, 19 days after the requested submission date, that I received any response from USDA.

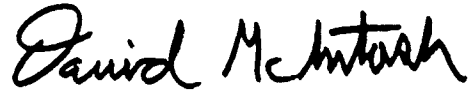
USDA's letter was not completely responsive to my original request and lacked the necessary substance for our oversight purposes. I asked for information regarding each of your grant programs; instead, I only received aggregate information for the whole department.

Therefore, pursuant to Article I of the Constitution and Rules X and XI of the U.S. House of Representatives, please provide the Subcommittee on National Economic Growth, Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs the following information for each of USDA's grant programs: (a) the number of waivers granted in Fiscal Years (FYs) 1997, 1998, and 1999 (as of August 3, 1999); (b) the identification of any State which received a waiver in each of these FYs; (c) the identification of any State that was denied a waiver in each of these FYs; and (d) the identification of any State which was denied a waiver but whose application was similar to another State which received a waiver under the same program in each of these FYs.

Please submit this information (originally requested on August 3rd) no later than noon on Friday, September 17, 1999. If you have any questions about this request, please contact Professional Staff Member Barbara Kahlow at 225-4407.

I appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "David M. McIntosh". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "David" and last name "McIntosh" clearly legible.

David M. McIntosh

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Subcommittee on National Economic Growth,
Natural Resources and Regulatory Affairs

cc: The Honorable Dan Burton
The Honorable Dennis Kucinich